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A COMPREHENSIVE BILL.

To Establish Some Important

Changes in Alaska.

CONGRESS DISCUSSING SILVER.

Special by California ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The house

committee on public lands held a

meeting to-day and was addressed by

United States surveyor G. W. Garside,

and Miner W. Bruce, representing a

business association of Alaska. These

gentlemen have been here several

months, urging the passage of the

Platt bill, which has already passed

the senate, providing for the acquiring

of title to the land.

This bill was considered this morning,

and the committee practically de-

clined to report the bill to the house,

with the following amendments:

First.—For relocation of the capital

of Alaska to Juneau.

Second.—For the establishing of a

land office at Juneau.

Third.—For the extension of coal

lands and coal laws of the United

States, over the territory of Alaska.

Fourth.—For setting aside Annette

island to the Metlakahla tribe of In-

di-ans, in southeastern Alaska, for In-

Indian tribes.

Fifth.—That timber may be cut in

Alaska for all domestic and manu-

facturing purposes, under the stump-

age act.

The committee on public lands

meets again next Monday, to make a

final disposition of the bill.

Messrs. Bruce and Garside report

that grading will soon commence

through the mountains, for a road

from Juneau to Chitina, a distance of

forty miles. Freight can thus be

carried by mules from Juneau to Chit-

ina, and connect with steam launches

at the head of the Yukon River.

Col. Stevenson Deserves It.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Mr. Morrow

introduced a bill this morning for the

relief of Jonathan D. Stevenson, of

California. The bill authorizes the

president to place him on the army

retired list pay.

Sub-Treasury Laws.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Mr. Far-

well introduced a bill to-day, a

bill repealing the sub-treasury laws.

The bill provides for the repeal of the

law authorizing the appointment of

an assistant United States treasury

and that funds now deposited in the

treasury and sub-treasury, shall be

deposited in the National Banks, to be

named by the secretary of the treasury,

such deposits to be secured by

adequate security given to the secretary

of the treasury and payable on demand.

Abandoned the Excursion.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Pan-

American junketing trip through the

States has been abandoned.

Very few delegates were on the train

when it left Washington, and those

who promised to join the train at Rich-

mond failed to do so, and this after-

noon Secretary Blaine telegraphed to

Richmond and recalled the train. It

will probably arrive in Washington

to-morrow morning.

Oklahoma, O. K.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The house

THE SILVER QUESTION.

A Difficult Subject for Congress.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—A lively in-

terested by the administration.

presented to the House the can-

committee report on the silver

question. The committee failed to

agree with the can committee on

the silver question. The committee

said nine out of fifteen members on

the committee, favored the Windom bill,

as modified by the committee on coin-

age, weights and measures. He ar-

gued that the bill made a great con-

cession to the extreme silver men, and

urged its passage, because it was sanc-

tioned by the committee.

Perkins of Kansas, presented the

views of a minority of the committee.

He made a lengthy argument, favor-

ing the senate bill, with modifi-

cations suggested by the minority.

One change provided that the

secretary of the treasury shall

purchase four million five hundred

thousand ounces of silver bullion each

month, instead of so many dollars.

He said that this plan had been con-

ceded by the senate caucus com-

mittee.

Perkins said the minority wanted to

strike out from the senate bill the

clause, reading as follows: "and also

to purchase such gold bullion as

may be offered at the treasury or any

sub-treasury, at a price not exceeding

one dollar for twenty-three grains pure

gold" and to add the words, "provid-

ed that in no event shall less than two

million ounces of pure silver be pur-

chased in any one month, and further,

provided that this shall not be con-

strued to modify or repeal the pro-

visions of existing law, authorizing the

issue of gold or certificates on

deposit of gold or silver coin."

and the minority wanted to

strike out the sentence providing

that the treasury shall be redeemable

on demand, in lawful money of the

United States, and shall be canceled,

and such treasury notes shall be re-

ceived for all public debts and when

so received shall be re-issued.

In place of this, the minority wants

to insert after the words, "shall be,"

the words, "Legal tender at their nom-

inal value, for all dues, public and

private, except otherwise expressly

stipulated in the contract heretofore

made, and when such treasury notes